Washington State University Extension is now recruiting for the Forest Stewardship Coached Planning Program. The hands-on, practical approach of this course enables landowners to learn useful information about their natural resources. Participants will be able to author their own forest stewardship plan with guidance and "coaching" from natural resource professionals.

Who should attend?

The program is open to all. It is designed to help owners of private forestlands help themselves by deciding what is best for their individual property. Whether you own 3, 30, or 300 acres of forest, if you want to identify problems and develop solutions that meet your ownership goals, this course is for you.

Why should I attend?

- To learn about keeping your forest healthy and productive
- To learn how to develop and implement your own property management objectives
- To write a plan that qualifies you for property tax reduction (PBRS or Timberland programs)
- To learn about where to go for financial, educational and technical assistance for stewardship of your forest

Course information

<u>Dates:</u> Wednesday evenings April 19 - June 14, 2006 Saturday field day: May 13th

Time: 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Location: Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust 10014 SW Bank Rd.

Fee: \$80 per family or household

Course fee includes class materials, aerial photos and maps, and an individual site visit from a forester. Enrollment in this course is limited to 30 participants and is first-come, first-served!

"It was a privilege to be able to learn from so many expert professionals on a wide variety of forestry topics in one, well-organized program. I would recommend it to anyone that has a forest to watch over."

--2005 participant

What will I learn?

Classes emphasize practical stewardship of forest resources. You will learn:

- How to map and describe your property
- How to read your forest. Is it healthy? What signs should I watch for?
- How to identify native plants
- How to improve wildlife habitat
- How to manage your timber resources
- How to make use of non-timber forest products
- How to protect soil and water resources
- How to control invasive weeds
- And much more!

Forest Stewardship Registration Form

Name(s):

Address:
Daytime Phone:
Evening Phone:
E-mail:
Acres of forestland owned:
Parcel Identification Number (so that we can provide maps):

Registration and payment must be received by Tuesday, April 11th, 2006

Make checks (\$80) payable to: WSU Extension

Mail to:
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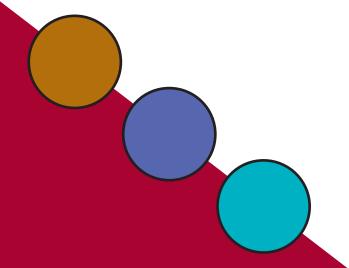
Since 1999, over 400 people have participated in the Forest Stewardship Coached Planning program in King County alone. It is your first step toward the sustainable stewardship of your forested property.

"It was valuable to meet other property owners with similar interests."

--2004 participant

"I realized that I could materially enhance the diversity of both plants and wildlife on my property. I thought initially that I would have to leave everything alone."

--2005 participant



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Conserving land to protect the natural ecosystems and rural character of Vashon-Maury Island



Contact Us!

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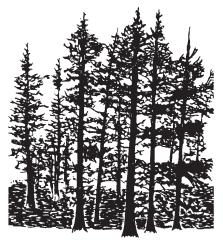
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Giving forest landowners the skills to make sound and sustainable management choices



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We have been doing this for nearly 100 years.